

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of December 10, 2009 issued in the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the cradle has a printed circuit board unit removably positioned in the body adjacent the recess, the removable printed circuit board unit comprising a number of controllers which connect with the power and data terminals for controlling the printhead of the inserted cartridge, the number of controllers being selectable based on a printing capability of the printhead. Support for this amendment can be found at page 14, line 25-page 15, line 17 of the present specification; and dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Domoto in view of Bolash, because Domoto does not provide any specific disclosure about the manner of controlling the printhead and Bolash merely discloses external connection of the printer to a computer (see col. 4, lines 12-20), such that there is no teaching or suggestion of a replaceable printed circuit board having a number of controllers as recited in the claimed invention..

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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